

REMARKS

Claims 48-52, 54-57 and 59-61 remain pending in this application.

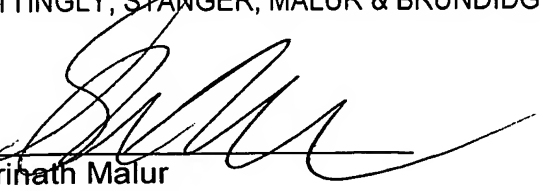
The claims have been amended to be in condition for allowance. In particular, in an Office Action mailed August 16, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 6, 7, 11-14 and 29 contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, current independent claims 48, 55, 56 and 75 have been amended to correspond to previously pending claims 6, 11, 12 and 29, respectively, in order to expedite the issuance of subject matter indicated as being allowable. The remaining claims are dependent claims.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner and the Examiner's Supervisor for conducting an interview with the undersigned and Applicants' representatives on June 6, 2006. During the interview, it was agreed that the claims would be amended as set forth herein. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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